

Amendments to the Specification:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125, please replace the originally-filed specification of the international application with the clean copy of the substitute specification attached hereto as Appendix A. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b), Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added to the substitute specification, which has been revised only to correct formatting errors and conform to United States practice. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(c), a marked-up copy of the substitute specification showing all changes to the prior version of record is also submitted herewith as Appendix B.

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The invention relates to a~~ A device for fixing bones includes ~~, comprising:~~ A) an intramedullary nail ~~(1)~~ having at least one cross hole ~~(2)~~ with a central axis ~~(3)~~; and ~~B)~~ a bone fixation means. ~~(4)~~ The bone fixation means has ~~with~~ a front end ~~(6)~~ and ~~with~~ a rear end ~~(5)~~ and ~~that~~ is configured ~~intended~~ for inserting into the cross hole ~~(2)~~ of the intramedullary nail. ~~(1)~~, whereby; C) At least a portion of the bone fixation means ~~(4)~~ can be elastically expanded.

Attachments: Substitute Specification
Marked-Up Copy of Substitute Specification